Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 19 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 20 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 19 Aug 2023 at 02:54 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud and any rain on Saturday afternoon. High for showery weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 19 Aug 2023: Very windy with rain at times, wettest across the west

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 19 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain showers	Light rain	Light rain	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	40%	40%	40%	20%

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Weather: Rain clearing the far north of the area by mid-morning. Drier weather following on behind through the morning and early afternoon. Persistent rain will develop across Skye and Lochaber by mid-afternoon and then extend northwards through the evening with drier weather following to the south of the area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance towards the west coast

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres in the morning. This will lift and break in the afternoon across Sutherland, Caithness and Easter Ross but hill fog lingering across Skye, Wester Ross and Lochaber.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	54/64 E	44/54 SE	34/45 SE	39/51 S	45/58 S	40/52 SW	36/47 SW
900	50/60 E	41/51 SE	32/44 SE	37/49 S	42/56 S	38/50 SW	35/46 SW
600	35/44 E	29/39 SE	25/36 SE	27/39 S	31/44 S	27/40 SW	25/36 SW
300	10/46 E	10/38 E	11/36 SE	10/38 S	12/43 S	11/38 SW	10/35 SW
Glen	25/48 E	18/36 E	17/34 SE	18/37 S	20/39 S	17/35 S	15/31 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/3	11/6	11/7	10/6	10/5	9/4	9/4
900	10/5	11/6	12/8	11/6	11/6	10/5	10/5
600	12/7	14/9	15/11	14/9	13/8	12/8	12/8
300	14/12	16/15	18/16	16/14	15/13	14/13	14/12
Glen	16/12	19/16	20/17	18/15	17/14	17/14	16/14
Freezing Level*	3500m	3100m	3100m	3100m	2800m	2600m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for summit severe gales leading to slow progress and drenching conditions in rain. Wind speeds may reach 70 mph on the higher summits early in the day.

Forecast for Sunday 20 Aug 2023

Weather: Variable amounts of cloud and some sunny intervals. A few passing showers through the day, these mainly across the north and west of the area. Remaining windy on the tops.

Maximum wind: Average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally very good visibility with patchy cloud above 800 metres, although areas of cloud down to 550 metres may affect Wester Ross, Skye and northern Lochaber at first

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11 rising to 19 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 12 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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